THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) Israel and India have agreed to establish a dialogue on counter-terrorism. Details are being worked out by the concerned authorities in the two countries.

(c) No agreement was signed.

(d) Does not arise.

Consensus on CTBT

*70. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minster of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to build up a consensus on CTBT;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) the details of the views expressed by various political parties, scientists and armed forces on the subject?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A number of steps to develop such a consensus have been undertaken, including through statements and discussions in Parliamentary Committees, as well as meetings with representatives of political parties. The views expressed during this debate have been widely reported in the media. The Government intends to pursue this approach of consultation and dialogue.

Steps to eliminate Child Labour

*71. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a news-items published in the Business Standard dated 30th April, 2000, under the caption "ILO estimate child labour in India at 90 million";

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken in order to eradicate